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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ITALIAN FONMIN INITIATIVE ON MIDDLE EAST

1. HAARETZ APRIL 5 FRONTPAGES STORY BY MARGALIT (APPEARING NO-
WHERE ELSE IN MEDIA) CLAIMING ITALIAN FONMIN MEDICI DURING
RECENT VISIT TO ISRAEL DISCUSSED WITH MRS MEIR HIS IDEA THAT
WESTERN NATIONS SHOULD OFFER EGYPT FIVE BILLION DOLLARS IN ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE FOR GENERAL REHABILITATION AND REGUILDING SUEZ CANAL
CITIES AS PART OF INTERIM SETTLEMENT TO REOPEN THE CANAL.

2. ACCORDING TO MARGALIT, MEDICI TOLD MRS MEIR WESTERN EUROPE
DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE POLITICAL WEIGHT TO HELP PROMOTE MIDDLE
EAST SETTLEMENT BUT DOES HAVE ECONOMIC POWER WHICH CAN BE USED
TO THIS END; MEDICI REPORTEDLY SAID ITALY DOES NOT EXCLUDE
POSSIBILITY THAT CHANCE TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC AID AND REDUCE
EGYPTIAN DEPENDENCE ON LIBYA WOULD ENCOURAGE CAIRO TO
RETURN TO IDEA OF INTERIM SETTLEMENT FOR REOPENING CANAL.

3. MARGALIT WRITES MEDICI TOLD MRS MEIR AND EBAN THAT ON
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RETURN TO ITALY HE WOULD RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITH MAJOR
POWERS AND WITH OTHER WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS ABOUT INITIATIVE
TO REVIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR CANAL REOPENING, AS WELL AS ABOUT
ECONOMIC INCENTIVE HE SEEKS TO OFFER EGYPT.
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